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Roads for Riding Street Bond Referendum

"Good streets are more than just common sense: they are a matter of civic pride. Nothing makes a City look worse than do crummy streets." *The Times News*, Sunday, November 23, 2003.

The value of good streets and needs is often taken for granted until potholes occur, a street deteriorates or a culvert collapses. In the past two decades pavement maintenance has struggled to keep up. The emphasis has been in growth and building of new streets or roadways, not in patching, repaving or resurfacing old streets. Much of the present street longevity is owed to the men who have worked unnoticed in maintenance of streets. Despite their best efforts, however, the technical and financial support has not been established. Most often, this is because the municipality has to put its priorities elsewhere in an effort to maintain municipal services at a low tax rate. Cities have been faced with shrinking budgets, a slow economy, higher asphalt prices, and less state money to help pay for municipal street maintenance. This problem is common to many North Carolina cities. There are only so many dollars, and in tight times, street resurfacing is often one of the first cuts made.

The City has 223.54 miles of street maintenance. This does not include the 65.54 miles of NCDOT maintained streets located within corporate limits. Approximately every 10-15 years the City of Burlington has a pavement condition survey done. The 2003 report gave the City an overall "fair" rating of 71. The study noted that 57% of all streets in Burlington were in need of some form of maintenance and that 35-40 miles were recommended for immediate resurfacing-23.9% or almost ¼ were rated as poor.



The City of Burlington intends to utilize the 9 million dollars from a voter-approved fund to address its most important street needs:

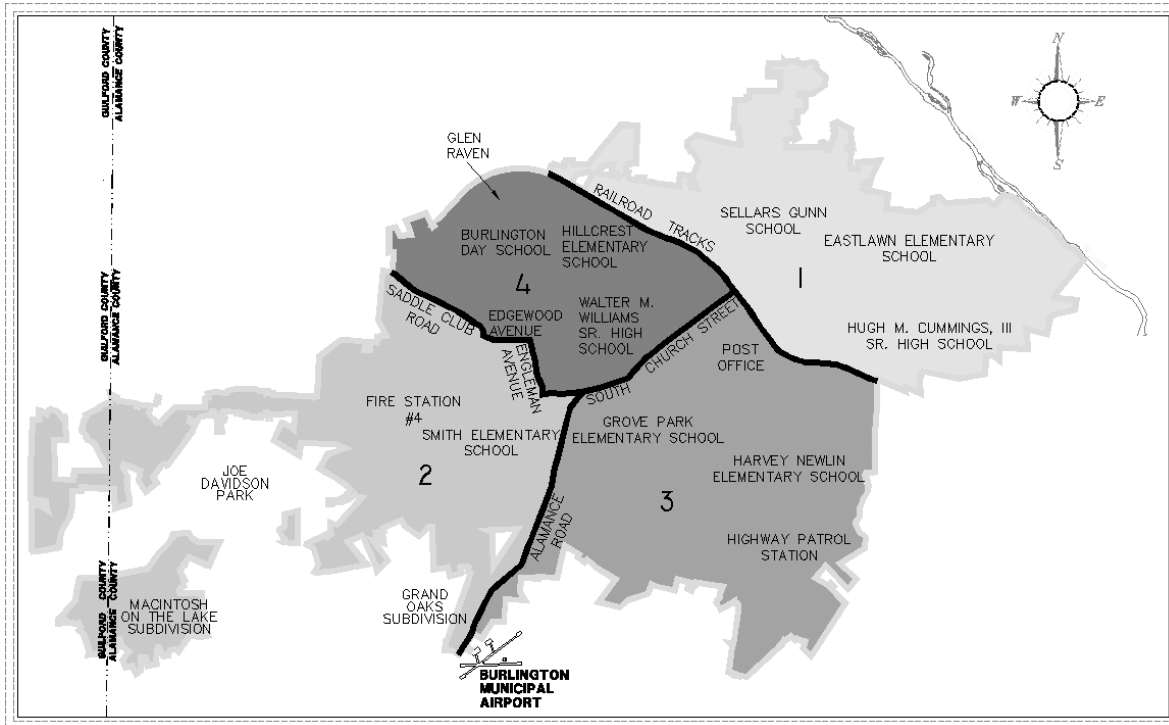
- ☐ The 85 miles identified as needing some form of maintenance
- ☐ Resurface 45-50 miles
- ☐ Crack pour approximately 13 miles of streets
- ☐ Repair and replace broken curb and gutter
- ☐ Install required handicap ramps
- ☐ Address certain dirt streets
- ☐ Make sidewalk repairs and/or improvements
- ☐ Make crosswalk improvements in the downtown area
- ☐ Repair and/or replace certain culverts

These projects and the expenditure of funds should be over a three-year period.



City of Burlington

2005-2006 Leaf Collection Sections and Schedule



Section 1

Oct. 17 - 21, 2005
Oct. 31 - Nov. 4, 2005

Section 2

Oct. 17 - 21, 2005
Nov. 7 - 11, 2005

Section 3

Oct. 24 - 28, 2005
Nov. 14 - 18, 2005
Dec. 19 - 22, 2005

Section 4

Oct. 24 - 28, 2005
Nov. 28 - Dec. 2, 2005
Jan. 27 - 30, 2006

City of Burlington Sanitation Division Holiday Schedule *November - December 2005*

Thanksgiving Thursday & Fri., November 24 & 25, 2005

Will collect Thursday route on Wednesday, November 23.
Will collect Friday route on Wednesday, November 23.
No yard waste or bulk trash collection on Thur. & Fri. routes.
Recycling on Thursday route will be collected on Friday.
Recycling on Friday route will be collected on Friday—finishing on Saturday if necessary.

Christmas Friday & Monday, December 23 & 26, 2005

Will collect Thursday route on Wednesday, December 21
Will collect Friday route on Thursday, December 22
Will collect Monday route on Tuesday, December 27.
Will collect Tuesday route on Wednesday, December 28.
No yard waste or bulk trash collection the week of Dec. 26.
No recycling collection change.

Reduce Junk Mail

How to register for Mail Preference Service

Consumers must register with MPS directly; second-party requests and bulk requests cannot be processed. There are two ways to register for MPS — mail-in option or credit card payment online option.

Mail-in Option - This option is FREE. There is no charge for registering by mail; however, registering by mail may delay your inclusion in the MPS file for **at least 30 to 60 days** because your data is manually added to the service.

There are two ways to mail in your registration. They are:

Postcard or Letter Mail-in Option — The consumer mails in their own personal letter or postcard that includes the consumer's name, home address and signature.